

## CVD Competes in Inspectors Challenge

On June 12 and 13, 2009, twelve Commercial Vehicle Division Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers from each region met at Boeing Field in Seattle to compete to see who will be the 2009 state champion in the Washington State Inspectors Challenge.

The overall winner was CVD Trooper Steve Michael from Region 4. He will be representing Washington State at the week-long North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC) in Pittsburgh, PA this August. The national competition is to test the knowledge, skills, and professionalism of the commercial vehicle troopers and enforcement officers.

CVD Troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers are highly-trained professionals who save lives every day by keeping unsafe commercial vehicles and drivers off the roads. Each year, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) recognizes the best of the best by inviting member jurisdictions throughout North America to participate in the NAIC.

NAIC 2009, sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and CVSA, is held annually in conjunction with the American Trucking Association's (ATA) National Truck Driving Championship (NTDC). It is the only event dedicated to recognizing and rewarding commercial vehicle inspector excellence.

The Trooper's Association supported each day's competition by providing their trailer as the command post. Sergeant Luke Zebley fired up the Association's BBQ and cooked for all the contestants, judges, and helpers. The CVEO 3's Association provided the food.

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(Top photo) Chief John Batiste congratulates CVD Trooper Steve Michael as the overall winner in the 2009 WA Inspectors Challenge.

(Middle and bottom photo) The officers compete in timed events to test their skills and knowledge of standards and inspection procedures.



# Remembering a Fellow Trooper

**Bob A. McBride**  
1937 - 2009

Former Kittitas County Sheriff and Retired Washington State Patrol Lieutenant Bob McBride passed away on June 30, 2009, in Seattle, after suffering a stroke.

After graduation from Snohomish High School in 1955, Bob served in the U.S. Army as a Military Police officer. He returned to Washington upon discharge and married Margie Murphy on August 6, 1960. That same year, he began a 26-year career with the Washington State Patrol.

Bob started out in Vancouver as a Weigh Master. Bob then was assigned to Moses Lake, where he was a trooper until his promotion in 1972. Bob went to Ellensburg when he was promoted to sergeant. Bob served as a sergeant in Ellensburg until his promotion in 1982 to lieutenant, when he was assigned to the District 1, Tacoma, office.

"I first met Bob McBride in 1984. I was an Explorer at Tacoma. He was very influential in my decision to join the Patrol," said Lieutenant Mike Turcott. "He was always fair, up front, honest, and a positive role model."

In 1986, the position of Kittitas County Sheriff opened and, at the urging of friends, Bob applied for and was appointed Sheriff. Bob went on to serve Kittitas County for 13 years. He retired as Sheriff in 1998.

Current County Sheriff Gene Dana, who also served many years in the State Patrol first, got to know Bob when he was the detachment sergeant in Ellensburg. Dana became a long-time friend and successor to McBride at the sheriff's office. "He was well known and respected throughout the county and the state's law enforcement community," Dana said. "You always knew when Bob entered a room - he was always very high energy, vocal, and enthusiastic about whatever he did. He was always welcoming and warm, and made time to stop and have coffee with you."

Corporal Ryan Spurling, Washington State Patrol Academy, first met Bob as a young trooper in Ellensburg. "When I transferred from Everett to Ellensburg in 1990, one of the first people I met was Sheriff Bob McBride. Bob has been described as the type of person that, once he meets you, you feel as if you have known him forever. He sat me down at coffee and took the time to make me feel welcome to his county," said Corporal Spurling. "I am very grateful for the privilege of knowing and working with him. He will be missed in the law enforcement community."

Bob, after retiring from the sheriff's office, also represented Pacific Northwest states and Alaska on the National Traffic Safety Commission.

Bob was committed to serving the community not only as sheriff and WSP trooper, but as a community volunteer. He was involved in the annual Yakima River cleanup, also served many years as a Chamber Cowboy with the Rotary Club, and as a Kittitas County Fair Board member.



## Captain Kenneth Ginnard Takes Command of District 7

Kenneth A. Ginnard was appointed to Staff Captain with District 7, Marysville, effective June 1, 2009.

Ken graduated from Cascade High School in Everett, Washington. He began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on August 6, 1984, as a trooper cadet, assigned to Mansion Security.

He was commissioned as a trooper on July 31, 1985, assigned to Everett. On October 25, 1991, Ken was promoted to RCW Sergeant, assigned to Kelso.

Ken transferred to Spokane on January 19, 1993, and on September 27, 1993, transferred to Seattle. He again transferred to Kelso on May 2, 1994, and on March 20, 1997, he transferred to Marysville.

Ken was appointed Staff Detective Sergeant on August 24, 1998, assigned to the Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit in Mount Vernon.

Ken promoted to RCW Lieutenant on November 18, 2005, assigned to Burlington. On May 16, 2008, he transferred to Marysville.

## Trooper Garcia Receives Leadership Award for EI Protector

During the Tri-Cities 2009 Public Service Recognition Week celebrations in May 2009, Trooper Oscar Garcia, District 3, received the Excellence in Washington State Government Leadership Award for his work with the EI Protector program.

Trooper Garcia has been assigned as WSP's EI Protector since 2005. The program was developed by WSP in 2003 to address the increasing concern of Hispanic/Latino-surnamed drivers being over-represented in fatality and felony collisions within the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla regions.

In the last three years, the EI Protector program has become fully immersed into the Yakima and Sunnyside regions, decreasing the fatality collisions significantly. In 2006, prior to the EI Protector involvement in the Yakima Valley, there were 16 fatality collisions involving Hispanic/Latino-surnamed drivers. In 2007, there were nine fatality collisions, and in 2008, there were seven fatality collisions involving Hispanic/Latino-surnamed drivers.

Trooper Garcia's commitment to service can be illustrated by the schedule that he works. He completes between 100 to 125 community safety presentations each year in addition to attending all regional safety fairs, community events, and other events like National Night Out.

Trooper Garcia has been instrumental in expanding the EI Protector program to the Sunnyside and Yakima



Trooper Oscar Garcia receives the Excellence in Washington State Government Leadership Award for his work with EI Protector at the 2009 Public Service Recognition Week event in Tri-Cities.

regions and is also assisting other law enforcement agencies throughout both eastern and western Washington to start similar programs of their own.

This award is given to individuals at all levels of management who show exemplary leadership and demonstrate a commitment to service and personal integrity, and shows how state employees can make significant contributions to the advancement of state government.

# WSP 2008 Employees and Volunteers of the Year



**2008 Mike Buckingham Award**  
Trooper David L. Bertholf  
Homeland Security Division



**2008 Chief Will Bachofner Award**  
Trooper Richard L. Bjorkman  
District 2



**2008 Commercial Vehicle Division Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer of the Year**  
CVEO 1 Gary F. Krause  
District 5



**2008 Commercial Vehicle Division Trooper of the Year**  
Trooper David C. Hodel  
District 5



**2008 Agency Civil Service Employee of the Year**  
Lana Smith  
Technical Services



**2008 Auto Theft Trooper of the Year**  
Trooper Jeffery S. Laeuger  
District 2



**2008 Detective of the Year**  
Detective Richard A. Taylor  
Investigative Assistance Division



**2008 VIN Specialist of the Year**  
Donna S. LaMarca  
District 4



**2008 Certified Technical Specialist of the Year**  
Trooper Scott A. Neustel  
District 6



**2008 Volunteer of the Year**  
Phyllis Silliman  
Field Operations Bureau  
District 5



**2008 Communications Officer of the Year**  
CO 2 Jonathan Pitts  
District 8



**Motorola IACP Regional Trooper of the Year Award**  
Trooper Edward D. Collins, District 7; included in the photo Chief John R. Batiste (left) and (right) Derek Phipps, Vice President, Motorola.



**2008 Bureau Volunteers of the Year:**  
Phyllis Silliman (Volunteer of the Year ),  
Field Operations Bureau D5; J.P. Bringham, Forensic  
Laboratory Services Bureau; (Not in Photo)  
Dr. Gary Bell, Investigative Services Bureau;  
Helen Klauk, Technical Services Bureau.



**2008 District Commercial Vehicle Officers of the Year**  
CVO 1 Michael R. Eby, D3; CVEO 2 Samuel L. Nichols D4;  
CVEO 1 Nolan Rice, D6; CVEO 1 Daniel E. Dimock, D7.



**2008 Excellence in Safety Award**  
Scott C. Douglas, Property and Evidence  
Custodian, D6.



**2008 District CVD Troopers of the Year:**

Trooper Melvin L. Hurd, D1; Trooper Suzanne R. Padgett, D2; Trooper Trent E. Clasen, D3; Trooper Donald J. Skjothaug, D4; Trooper Ernest L. Rampley, D6; Trooper Douglas Sackman, D7; Trooper Evart B. Watson, D8.



**2008 District Troopers of the Year:**

Trooper John W. Garden, D1; Trooper Robert R. Morris, D3; Trooper Dawn M. Gillespie, D4; Trooper Bennie O. Taylor, D5; Trooper Grant L. Giacomazzi, D6; Trooper Chad D. Boseman, D7; Trooper Richard D. Kinney, D8.



**2008 Bureau Civil Service Employees of the Year:**

Michael B. Aboe, Fire Protection Bureau; Deborah Y. Carter, Investigative Services Bureau; Theresa A. Jensen, Management Services Bureau; Maria R. Jordon, Field Operations Bureau, D6; Forensic Scientist 3 Mariah R. Low, Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau.



**2008 District Auto Theft Troopers of the Year:**

Trooper Christopher A. Noll, D1; Trooper Eugenio Trevino, D4; Trooper Bradford A. Moon, D5; Trooper Craig A. Jacobson, D7; Trooper Benjamin A. Taylor, D8.



**2008 District Certified Technical Specialists of the Year:**

Trooper Ian T. Morhous, D1; Trooper Trisena M. John, D2; Trooper Oscar A. Garcia, D3; Trooper Travis S. Robbins, D4; Trooper Benjamin J. McBride, D5; Trooper Edward D. Collins, D7; Trooper Brian K. Mihelich, D8.



**2008 Bureau Communications Officers of the Year:**

CO 1 Nathan J. Kresse, D1; CO 1 Lyndsie R. Mates, D2; CO 1 Jamie L. Hawkins, D3; CO 2 Susan L. Bula, D4; CO 1 Carey A. Salzsieder, D5; CO 2 Dolores K. Blas-Cazares, D6; CO Assistant Joanne J. Cook, D7; CO 2 Jonathan Pitts (2008 Communications Officer of the Year), D8.

## Governor Honors WSP Manager

Captain Darren T. Grondel, Commercial Vehicle Division, was honored on May 19, 2009, by Governor Chris Gregoire as a recipient of this year's Governor's Award for Leadership in Management. The program recognizes managers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership. Captain Grondel was one of 16 state managers who were recognized for this award.

Under Captain Grondel's direction, the division began using enforcement activities that dramatically reduced commercial motor vehicle (CMV) collisions, achieving a 14% reduction in fatality collisions.

In 2008, Washington highways experienced a 14% reduction in CMV-caused collisions; a 25% reduction in passenger car/CMV collisions; a 10% reduction of all CMV-involved collisions; and, most importantly, a 14% reduction in fatalities from 2007.

The success is truly measured through the lives saved and is the lowest fatality rate in four years. This is due in part by Captain Grondel's vision and support to make Washington roadways the safest in the nation.

Hiring and training a well-qualified and professional work force is critical to conducting quality Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspections; there was only one equipment-caused fatality in 2008. CVD continues to lead the nation in out-of-service rates; the national average is 8%, while Washington maintains a 15% out-of-service rate. Captain Grondel understands that CVD must continue its public education campaign beyond only an enforcement message. In support of this objective, CVD gave 430 public presentations to over 50,534 attendees in 2008.

As a result of Grondel's leadership, WSP received awards in 2008 for increased highway safety and support of safety programs in the trucking industry.

The Leadership in Management program was created in 1985 to recognize state government managers who demonstrate excellent performance. In 2006, the Governor reinvigorated the program with criteria that focus on performance, accountability, and proven business results.



## WSP Life Insurance Program Will End This Year

**Submitted by: Mr. Bob Maki, Budget and Fiscal Services**

The State Patrol offered a small supplemental life insurance policy, "WSP Life," to its employees and commissioned retirees until September 2001 when the program was closed to new members. At the same time, oversight of the program was transferred to the state Health Care Authority, Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB). There are currently about 860 active WSP employees and 500 retirees who still maintain a WSP Life policy.

Because the WSP Life program has exhausted its cash reserves, it cannot continue as a stand-alone program and must be merged with other life insurance programs offered through PEBB. This conversion will occur on January 1, 2010. Most employees and retirees who carry a WSP Life policy will be able to convert their coverage to comparable life insurance

programs offered by PEBB up to the face value of their existing WSP Life policy. In August 2009, PEBB will mail a letter to affected WSP employees and retirees notifying them of their conversion options and providing detailed instructions. Each WSP Life policyholder will have until September 30, 2009, to exercise their life insurance option and return an election form to the WSP Payroll Office.

***Please do not contact WSP Payroll, PEBB, or Reliastar Life, the life insurance carrier, until you receive your letter which will provide detailed information and instructions.*** Additional announcements regarding the PEBB letters will be provided at a later date by Daily Bulletin.

### Olympia Kiwanis Hosts Annual Law Enforcement Awards



Chief John R. Batiste (right) and Captain Mike DePalma (left), at the Olympia Kiwanis Club, honored Trooper Jared R. Hoyt, Olympia Detachment (center), with the Pat Sutherland 2009 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award on June 8, 2009. Trooper Hoyt received the award for his continued hard work and the positive attitude he brings to the job every day. The Olympia Kiwanis Club presented the annual awards to Thurston County law enforcement officers and their families to recognize the work they do every day for their communities.

### Gone Digital

Starting with this edition, the InsideOut Newsletter is all digital. The newsletter is no longer a printed copy. Readers can receive an announcement via their e-mail that the Inside/Out is posted on our Web site, [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov).

If you are interested in receiving an announcement, contact us at [Insideout@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Insideout@wsp.wa.gov).

Going electronic gives us the opportunity to return to a monthly newsletter with more timely stories of events happening around the Patrol and with our retirees.

We look forward to hearing from you on how we can better serve our readers now that we are going to an all-digital format.

Any questions, please contact us at [Insideout@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Insideout@wsp.wa.gov) or at (360) 596-4012.

## WSP Completes Wireless Network Project

Just like your local television station, WSP has gone digital. WSP recently completed a project that expanded and upgraded its wireless communications system from an analog to a digital microwave system.

Starting in 2003, a collaborative effort began between WSP and the U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ), Homeland Security, and the Treasury Department to develop an Integrated Wireless Network (IWN) to provide a consolidated nationwide wireless communications service that supports law enforcement, first responder, and homeland security.

“The DOJ funded the upgrade and expansion of the WSP’s microwave communication network. In turn, the federal government will use a small bandwidth for their law enforcement,” said Fred Zumwalt, Department of Justice, Operations Chief, Wireless Management Office.

The federal government’s investment in Washington State was about \$40 million; \$15 million was a direct contract with WSP and the rest for indirect investments in the network.

“Without the funding by the DOJ it would have been very difficult to accomplish this upgrade and expansion on our own,” said Tom Wallace, Project Manager, Electronic Services Division.

The project was a benefit to WSP because it paid for microwave system upgrades, increasing system capacity and purchasing new radio systems. Along with new system upgrades, the project provided funding for 42 communication site improvements and



The IWN Project Team with Chief John Batiste and Deputy Chief Dave Karnitz.

six new sites added to the network. These facility upgrades included new towers, equipment shelters, backup power systems, electric service, and site grounding.

“The immediate benefit to having this new digital infrastructure is the ability to support new communication equipment WSP will field for the troopers,” said Bob Schwent, Division Administrator, Electronic Services Division. “Other benefits were revealed during the Lewis County floods and the severe wind storms that struck the Northwest in the last few years. The system remained operational, keeping the CAD and radio systems up and running without any loss.”

The federal government also benefits from using the IWN because it will provide interoperability with appropriate links to state, local, and tribal public safety and homeland security entities.

“The Department of Justice’s philosophy is ‘when public safety in the states succeeds, the federal government succeeds’,” said Zumwalt. “The new system will allow federal law enforcement,

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## The Academy Promotes Health and Fitness with the 2009 Dick Hjelmeland 5K Run/Walk

Over 150 WSP employees and their families were out at the Academy in Shelton on June 20, 2009, for the 2009 Dick Hjelmeland 5K Memorial Run/Walk. All ages participated. Runners, walkers, strollers, and kids on bikes completed the 5K run and walk out on the Academy's drive course.



Runners, walkers, bike riders, and kids in strollers headed out on to the drive course at the Academy for the 5K Dick Hjelmeland Memorial Run/Walk.

After the race, the Trooper's Spouses Association provided a BBQ lunch, games for the kids, and a raffle give-away. The WSP Athletic Association provided t-shirts and awards.

The Dick Hjelmeland 5K Run and Walk returned to the Academy in 2004 as the brainchild of the Wellness and Safety Partnership and is facilitated by the Regional Academy Instructors. The run was resurrected as a way to increase awareness of the Fitness Games and encourage health and fitness.

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Dept. of Justice and Homeland Security to utilize the system to talk with secure and encrypted communications."

The successful results of this partnership in Washington State represent a model for federal-state cooperation in law-enforcement communications and provide valuable input for the nationwide system development.

"The system here in Washington is the model for the future and will be used for deployment of other systems nationwide," said Zumwalt.

The scope of this project was managed by both WSP and DOJ, with WSP being responsible for the microwave system implementation and DOJ responsible for civil construction site improvements.

### CVD

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All of the inspection categories are timed events and the compilation of scores for these categories result in a Overall Winner. In addition to an Overall Winner, awards are given for first, second, and third place for selected inspection events.

#### Overall

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| 1st | Trooper Steve Michael  |
| 2nd | CVEO 1 Nolan Rice      |
| 3rd | CVEO 2 Peter Sponburgh |

#### Written Exam

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| 1st | CVEO 1 Fred Aebischer  |
| 2nd | Trooper Steve Michael  |
| 3rd | CVEO 2 Peter Sponburgh |

#### Interview

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| 1st | Officer Brad Moon,<br>Spokane PD |
| 2nd | Trooper Steve Michael            |
| 3rd | Trooper Robert Lamay             |

#### HazMat

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| 1st | CVEO 1 Nolan Rice                                  |
| 2nd | CVO 1 David Smith                                  |
| 3rd | Tied:<br>CVEO 2 Marty Wolfe<br>CVEO 2 Jeff Winslow |

#### Cargo Tank

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| 1st | CVEO 1 Nolan Rice     |
| 2nd | Trooper Steve Michael |
| 3rd | CVO 1 David Smith     |

#### Motorcoach

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| 1st | Officer Brad Moon    |
| 2nd | CVEO 1 Nolan Rice    |
| 3rd | Trooper Robert Lamay |

#### Level 1 Inspection

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| 1st | CVEO 2 Peter Sponburgh |
| 2nd | Officer Brad Moon      |
| 3rd | Trooper Steve Michael  |

## Retired WSP PIO Jack Sareault Honored

On June 4, 2009, the Tacoma Athletic Commission inducted Jack Sareault and other sports champions into the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame, during a “Banquet of Champions” event at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall.

Jack was a long-time sportswriter for the Tacoma News Tribune from 1963 until 1986. He primarily covered golf and college and high school sports. Jack then became the Public Information Officer for the State Patrol from 1990 to 2001. Throughout his long sports writing career, Jack spent 16 years as a freelance writer for the Associated Press, The Seattle Times, and other Northwest newspapers. From 1966 through 2002, he was a correspondent for “Golf World Magazine,” and from 1969 through 2002, Jack was the coordinator of the Northwest College Sports Service. He also held the position of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District I Sports Information Director for 28 years. His service of 18 years as director of the



Northwest Conference was recognized by the creation of an award bearing his name, The Jack Sareault Award, which is awarded to an annually chosen sports information director.

In 2004, Jack received the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Lifetime Achievement Award. Jack is retired and resides in Gig Harbor, where he keeps up on the State Patrol’s happenings and attends the monthly WSP District 1 and Headquarters retiree’s luncheons.

## District 8 Carries the Special Olympic Torch

Troopers, employees, and family members from District 8 joined the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 28, 2009, to help carry the Special Olympics Torch, known as the “Flame of Hope,” during a running-and-boating relay, throughout Kitsap County and a portion of the Key Peninsula and across the Tacoma Narrows.

Troopers, as well as deputies from the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office and officers from the Poulsbo Police Department, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, carried the flame through Kitsap County.

The relay was part of the nationwide Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise community awareness to the needs of Special Olympics. The run is Special Olympics’ largest grass-roots vehicle: since its inception, some 85,000 law enforcement officers have carried the ‘flame’ around 50 states and 35 nations raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run was scheduled to coincide with the start of the 2009 Special Olympics Washington Summer Games, held at McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis, Tacoma.



(From left to right) Communications Officer 1 Christopher Berg carrying the Special Olympics “Flame of Hope”, and Trooper Ryan Los and Trooper Mitch Bauer pound the pavement during their leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

## WSP 2008 Memorial Foundation Dinner

By Dan Eikum, President,  
Memorial Foundation

The Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Dinner was held on April 18, 2009, in SeaTac, where our 26 WSP officers who lost their lives in the line of duty were remembered. Several family members of our fallen officers were our honored guests:

- Billie Saunders, daughter Megan, son Jim, and Trooper Saunders' parents John and Jan Saunders (family of Trooper James Saunders, who died in the line of duty October 7, 1999).
- Gayle Frink-Schulz, son Christian, daughter Kari, Trooper Frink's mother Lorene, and brother Stuart Frink (family of Trooper Steven Frink, who died in the line of duty March 22, 1993).
- Lisa Harkcom and daughter Angela (family of Trooper Cliff Hansell, who died in the line of duty July 22, 1987).
- Rosemary Gain and daughter Danielle (family of Trooper James Gain, who died in the line of duty March 2, 1987).
- Luanne Mason, daughter of Officer Joseph Modlin, who died in the line of duty August 15, 1974.
- Keith Noble, Mark Noble (sons) and daughter Laurie Noble-Turner (family of Trooper Frank Noble, who died in the line of duty February 5, 1972).

There were 436 people in attendance at the Memorial Foundation Dinner. The \$19,330 net proceeds from the dinner/auction/raffle were placed into the WSP Memorial Foundation Fallen Officers Children's College Education Account.

The top two raffle winners were:

- Melissa Rasmussen (Human Resource Division) – Sun Mountain Lodge Getaway for two nights
- Jo Williams (Criminal Records Division) – one night stay at the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, WA with breakfast

On behalf of the WSP Memorial Foundation Board members, I want to thank the men and women of the Washington State Patrol for their generosity, kindness, and support which made this dinner a success.



Lt. Governor Brad Owen with Billie Saunders and her children Megan and Jim. (family of fallen Trooper Jim Saunders)



(From left to right) Retired Sergeant Walt Gobel, Larry McKissick (retired), Trooper Brandy Kessler and Retired Lieutenant Bob Rupp.

### Mark your calendar now

The 2010 WSP Memorial  
Foundation Dinner will be  
May 1, 2010, at the Hilton Hotel in  
Vancouver, WA.

# People People People



CVEO 3  
Marc A Modler



CO 3 Jonathan P. Pitts



Arel J. Solie

**Marc A. Modler** was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 3, effective June 1, 2009, and assigned to the Compliance Review Program in Tumwater.

Marc began his career with the Washington State Patrol on December 5, 1988, as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1, assigned to Vancouver.

On December 2, 1991, he transferred to the Ridgefield Port of Entry. He transferred back to Vancouver on March 23, 1998.

Marc promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 2 on February 16, 2005, assigned to the Ridgefield Port of Entry.

**Jonathan P. Pitts** was promoted to Communications Officer 3 in District 2, Bellevue Communications, effective May 1, 2009.

Jonathan graduated from Bremerton High School and attended the University of Maryland and St. Martin's College. He proudly served with the United States Army for more than 20 years.

Jonathan began his career as an Intermittent Communications Officer in Bremerton on February 22, 1999. He accepted an in-training position on April 24, 2000,

and promoted to Communications Officer 1 on April 24, 2001.

On November 16, 2003, Jonathan was promoted to Communications Officer 2, and accepted a transfer to Marysville. He accepted a Communications Officer 1 position back with Bremerton on March 19, 2004. Jonathan again promoted to Communications Officer 2 on November 1, 2004, remaining in the Bremerton call center.

**Arel J. Solie** was promoted to Property Management Division Administrator, effective April 26, 2009. Arel attended the University of Portland where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree. Prior to becoming a Washington State Patrol employee, Arel was employed at the Military Department as the Homeland Security Emergency Section Manager, Washington Management Services Band 2.

She began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on February 1, 2007, as the Homeland Security Emergency Manager, Washington Management Services Band 2, in Olympia.

On November 16, 2007, Arel was promoted to the Homeland Security Section Manager, Washington Management Services Band 3.

## Promotions

**Debra D. Peterman**, Information Technology Specialist 2 – Information Technology Division, eff: 4/16/09.

**Elicia C. Shelton**, Office Assistant 3-Investigative Assistant Division, Missing Person Unit, eff: 04/16/09.

**Stacey L. Auman**, Forensic Scientist 3-Latent Prints Lab, eff: 05/01/09.

**Robert T. Dorion**, Forensic Scientist 3, FS3-CODIS Lab, eff: 05/01/09.

**Beth A. Marcoe**, Fingerprint Lead-Identification Tenprint, eff: 05/01/09.

**Michael H. Tucker**, Fingerprint Lead-Identification Tenprint, eff: 05/01/09.

**Katherine B. Rogerson**, Communication Officer 1-D7 Marysville Communications, eff: 05/05/09.

**Natalie J. Castle**, Communications Officer 1 - D8 Bremerton Communications, eff: 06/09/09.

**Lyndsie R. Mates**, Communications Officer 2-D2 Bellevue Communications, eff: 06/01/09.

**Jessica M. Pellaea**, Communications Officer 2-D2 Bellevue Communications, eff: 06/01/09.

**Stephanie L. Karczynski**, Forensic Scientist 2-CODIS Lab, eff: 06/30/09.

## Service Pins

**35 years**

**State Fire Marshal Michael Matlick**, May 18;

**Trooper John Pederson**, June 3;

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**Trooper Davis Richmond**, July 15;

### 30 years

**Tammy Usher**, Washington Management Services Band 1, May 1;  
**Assistant Chief Brian Ursino**, May 14;  
**Trooper Craig Powell**, May 19;  
**Barbara Aalona**, Office Assistant 3, June 19;  
**Danice Miller**, Office Assistant 3, June 20;  
**Captain Steve Davis**, June 25;  
**Harold Denny**, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, July 19.

### 25 years

**Sharon Trivett**, Information Tech Systems / Applications Specialist, May 7;  
**Mary Lawrence**, Correctional Records Technician, May 18;  
**Sergeant Theresa Marrs**, May 29;  
**Kermit Rhinehart**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, June 18;  
**Susan Smith**, Confidential Secretary-Chief WSP, June 19;  
**Edward Thomas**, Information Specialist 4, July 3;  
**Trooper Raymond Moss**, July 16;  
**CO 1 Kathryn Houbre**, July 23;  
**Trooper Scott Johnson**, July 30.

### 20 years

**Bonnie Berndt**, Forms/Record Analyst 3, May 11;  
**Sergeant Charles Le Blanc**, May 30;  
**Trooper Michael Murphy**, May 30;  
**Sergeant Larry Conley**, June 30;  
**Sandra Collins**, Fiscal Analyst, July 21;

**Michael Carlson**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, July 31.

### 15 years

**Trooper Richard Bettger**, May 13;  
**Trooper Brian Cleave**, May 13;  
**Trooper Scott Gordon**, May 13;  
**Trooper William Henkel**, May 13;  
**Trooper Chad Hoff**, May 13;  
**Trooper Gary Lane**, May 13;  
**Trooper John McMillan**, May 13;  
**Trooper Jon Nelson**, May 13;  
**Sergeant Jim Nobach**, May 13;  
**Trooper Jeffery Pfluger**, May 13;  
**Trooper David Pichette**, May 13;  
**Trooper Paul Wells**, May 13;  
**Trooper Gerald Weir**, May 13;  
**Paul Ingram**, Law Enforcement Equipment Technician 2, June 6;  
**Patrick Gibbs**, Fingerprint Tenprint Supervisor, June 6;  
**Edward Lyon**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, June 22  
**CO 1 Carrie Cheek**, July 13.

### 10 years

**Trooper Jason Blankers**, May 3;  
**Trooper James Mjor**, May 3;  
**Trooper Michael Mong**, May 3;  
**Trooper Douglas Pardue**, May 3;  
**David Cromer**, Maintenance Mechanic 3, May 10;  
**William Dean**, Forensic Scientist 3, May 10;  
**Trooper George Bassett**, May 17;  
**Trooper Daniel Betts**, May 17;  
**Trooper Bryan Broyles**, May 17;  
**Trooper Robert Lamay**, May 17;  
**Trooper James Zane**, May 17;  
**Lana Smith**, Transportation Planning Technician 2, June 7;  
**Shirley Mott**, Administrative Assistant 3, June 21;  
**Jayne Thatcher**, Washington Management Band 2, June 21;

**Trooper Michael Allan**, July 1;  
**Sandra Distefano**, Information Specialist 5, July 1;  
**Trooper Juli Gundermann**, July 1;  
**Trooper Jason Hicks**, July 1;  
**Trooper Jeffery Mitchell**, July 1;  
**Trooper Daniel Nilles**, July 1;  
**Melissa Pemberton**, Forensic Scientist 5, July 1;  
**Trooper James Prouty**, July 1;  
**Trooper Stephen Robley**, July 1;  
**Trooper Steven White**, July 1;  
**Trooper Scott Brown**, July 2;  
**Trooper Timothy Crane**, July 2;  
**Trooper Kevin Nelson**, July 2;  
**Trooper Gabriel Olson**, July 2;  
**Trooper Jeffery Southards**, July 2;  
**Trooper Christopher Thorson**, July 2;  
**Trooper Robert Wilson**, July 2;  
**CVEO 2 Robert Bacon**, July 6;  
**CVEO 1 Ronald Griffith**, July 12;  
**Norma Moreno**, Administrative Assistant 3, July 12;  
**Cherly Jordon**, Office Assistant 3, July 16;  
**Trooper Troy Corkins**, July 19;  
**Trooper Luis Gonzalez**, July 19;  
**Merri Springer**, Office Assistant 3, July 19;  
**Tracy Perkins**, Transportation Planning Technicians 2, July 26;  
**Melody Maples**, Fiscal Analyst 2, July 28;  
**Diane Fossett**, Criminal Identification Coordination Specialist, July 30.

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**Robert Wicklund**, Section Manager High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency, May 1;  
**Nancy King**, Office Assistant 2, May 1;  
**Robert Ramsey**, Senior Telecommunications Specialist, May 24;

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**Nathan Brueschoff**, Forensic Scientist 4, May 26;  
**Marisa O'Neill**, Confidential Secretary – WSP, May 26;  
**Vicky Leonard**, Administrative Assistant 3, June 7;  
**Trooper Matthew Andersen**, June 11;  
**Trooper David Brandt**, June 11;  
**Trooper Zachary Casey**, June 11;  
**Trooper Nathan Dashiell**, June 11;  
**Trooper Billy Jordon**, June 11;  
**Trooper Timothy Knopp**, June 11;  
**Trooper Christopher Noll**, June 11;  
**Trooper Jennifer Ortiz**, June 11;  
**Trooper Robert Pelleberg**, June 11;  
**Trooper David Roberts**, June 11;  
**Trooper Courtney Shawley**, June 11;  
**Trooper Sean Templeton**, June 11;  
**Trooper Timothy Yzaguirre**, June 11;  
**CO 2 Katie Bates**, June 14;  
**CO 1 Carey Salzsieder**, June 16;  
**Apryl Carlington**, Administrative Assistant 3, June 28;  
**Dan LaFreniere**, Maintenance Mechanic 3, July 4;  
**James Morelli**, Criminal Identification Coordination Specialist, July 4;  
**Janice WU**, Forensic Scientist 3, July 6;  
**David Grenier**, Communications Consultant 1, July 12;  
**Jennifer Nuse**, Safety Officer 2, July 12;  
**Eddy Lou Wallace**, Customer Service Specialist 1, July 19;  
**Odis Cline**, Fiscal Technician 2, July 26;  
**Latoya Anderson**, Correctional Records Technician, July 30.

## Births

**Trooper Kevin Isom** and wife Candice welcomed their new son, Kaden Paul Isom, on May 7. Kaden weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21 in. long.

**Forensic Scientist Kim Smith** and husband Aaron welcomed their new son, Jasper Trajan Smith, on May 12. Jasper weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 in. long.

Melanie Tolen, wife of **Trooper Darryl Tolen**, gave birth to a baby boy, James Douglas, on May 12. James weighed 7 lbs., and 10 oz.

Kimmie Eng, wife of **Trooper Scott Eng**, gave birth to a baby boy, Peyton Eng, on May 13. Peyton weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz.

Beth Leary, wife of **Trooper Keith Leary**, gave birth to a baby boy, Cameron Andrew, on May 22. Cameron weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and was 19 3/4 in. long.

Amy Evers, wife of **Trooper Jeffrey Evers**, gave birth to baby girl, Callie, on May 27. Callie was 9 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 1/4 in. long.

**Communications Officer William Walker** and his wife Heather welcomed a new baby girl, Trinity Georgene Walker, on June 6. Trinity weighed 6 lbs., 2.2 oz., and was 18 3/4 in. long.

**Communications Officer Jon Lerew** and his wife Karlee welcomed a new baby boy, Landon W. Lerew, on June 8. Landon weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 20 3/4 in. long.

Kenda Greer, wife of **Trooper Jason Greer**, gave birth to a baby boy, Connor Eugene, on June 13. Connor weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 in. long.

The daughter of retired **Lieutenant Jim Chromey**, Nichole Seager, gave birth to a baby girl, Stevie Leigh, on June 12. Stevie weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz.

Jennie Casey, wife of **Trooper Zach Casey**, gave birth to twins on June 19. Samuel James, a 5 lb., 4 oz., boy, and Olivia Mae, a 5 lb., 14 oz. girl.

Sarah Lutz, wife of **Trooper Kenny Lutz**, gave birth to a baby girl, Whitney Nicole, on June 20. Whitney weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz.

**Communications Officer 2 Lance Steggell** and his wife Krysta are the proud adoptive parents of Janay LeAnne Steggell. She was born on June 20. Janay weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., and was 22 1/2 in. long.

**K9 Trooper Chris Cooper** and his wife Ginny are the proud parents of Alexa Rae Cooper. Alexa was born on June 26. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 19 in., long.

Colleen Shelby, wife of **Trooper Danny Shelby**, gave birth to a baby girl, Taylor Hauff, on July 6. Taylor weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Chelsea McKinly, wife of **Trooper Jason McKinly**, gave birth to baby girl, Chloe Rae, on July 8. Chloe weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Michelle Statema, wife of **Trooper Anson Statema**, gave birth to a baby girl, Brooke Taylor, on July 10. Brooke weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long.

**Michael York** and Dana York announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaitlyn Diann, on July 12. Kaitlyn weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz., and was 18 in. long.

**Lieutenant Bob Kerwin** and his wife Heidi welcomed Tess Elizabeth Kerwin to their family on July 15

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with the finalization of her adoption. Tess was born in November 2007 and has been a member of the family since a few weeks after her birth.

Hollie Kaiser, wife of **Trooper David Kaiser**, gave birth to a baby girl, Morgan Laura Kaiser, on July 17. Morgan weighed 9 lbs., and was 21 in. long.

**Trooper Corey Macaluso** and his wife Tina welcomed their new son, Grant Michael, into the world on July 19. Grant weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz.

### Deaths

Richard P. Hibbard, Major (retired) U.S. Army Reserves and UW Lecturer Emeritus, father of **Rebecca Bringham, Public Disclosure Coordinator**, passed away on May 7.

Tom Orlowski, father of **Trooper Kristopher Orlowski**, passed away on May 14.

Donald Chesley, father-in-law of **Dan Webster, Electronic Services Division**, and father of Lynn Webster, passed away on May 14.

**Retired Sergeant Lorne Hughes**, 84, father of retired **Trooper Gary Hughes** and grandfather to Hollie Kaiser, wife of **Trooper David Kaiser**, passed away on May 17, in Parkland, WA.

Del Schilling, wife of **Bob Schilling, Retired Communications Technician**, passed away on June 1.

**Retired Detective Sergeant Edward Vincent Leaf** passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer on June 2 in Shelton.

Opal E. Cumbie, 85, grandmother of **Trooper Jeffrey Leonard** and mother-in-law of **George Leonard, Retired Trooper and current Property and Evidence Custodian**, passed away on June 3.

**Retired Trooper Tom Richardson** passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer on June 19.

Jean Sorenson, 87, mother of **Dr. Don Sorenson, Risk Management Division**, passed away on June 29, in Quincy, Illinois.

**Former Kittitas County Sheriff Bob McBride, and Retired WSP Lieutenant**, passed away on June 30, after suffering a stroke.

Ted B. Ellis, 76, father-in-law of **Beth Marcoe, Fingerprint Lead Technician**, died June 30, of complications from a fall at home.

Sandra Wiese, step-mother of **CVEO 2 Ryan Wiese**, passed away on July 2, in her home.

**Dinah J. Guth, Human Resource Consultant (Ret), Human Resource Division**, passed away on July 5, after a long, courageous fight with cancer.

Dinah's father, **William B. "Bill" McCluskey - Retired Captain** (deceased 5/31/97), and brother, **Robert A. "Bob" McCluskey - Retired Trooper** (deceased 8/8/07), proudly served the Patrol. Other family members who also work for the WSP are her nephew **Trooper Guy Gill** and his wife **Angie Gill, Budget and Fiscal Services**, and Great Nephew **Jacob Hursey, Commercial Vehicle Division**.

Robert Steven Broshears, 53, son of **Retired Sergeant Robert W. Broshears**, passed away

July 11, in Bremerton, after a long battle with cancer.

### Retirees Calendar

**District 1 – First Wednesday.** Monthly luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Nickelby's Restaurant, 600 Trosper Road, Tumwater.

**District 2 – First Tuesday.** Monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Galliano's Cucina, 16435 Military Road S., Seatac.

**District 3 – Third Monday.** Monthly luncheon, noon, Old Country Buffet, 2515 Main St., Union Gap.

**District 4 – Last Wednesday.** Monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant, W. 7611 Sunset Highway, Spokane.

**District 5 – Second Friday.** Monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic, Woodland.

**District 6 – Tuesday.** Weekly coffee gathering of law enforcement retirees, 9 a.m., at the Wenatchee Senior Center, 1300 Maple Street, Wenatchee.

**District 7 – The second Tuesday of every odd month.** The lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at the El Cazador Restaurant in Burlington, exit 230 (SR 20), go east to SR 20, turn left/north onto Burlington Boulevard. El Cazador is just past the Shell Station on your left; if you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far.

**District 8 – Second Wednesday.** Monthly luncheon, noon; Alderbrook Inn. **Third Tuesday,** Peninsula Law Enforcement and Firefighters Assn. monthly luncheon, noon, Red Ranch Restaurant, 820 W. Washington, Sequim.

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Louise Blankenship



CVEO 3  
Wayne A. Bray



Harold F. Denny



Trooper  
Dale M. Johnson

Hal began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 16, 1979, as an electrician, assigned to the Maintenance Section in Olympia, now known as the Property Management Division.

**Louise Blankenship** retired on June 30, 2009, after 12 1/2 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and a total of almost 24 years to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Louise was born in Morton, Washington, and graduated from Morton High School.

Louise began her employment with the Washington State Patrol on December 2, 1996, as an Accountant 2, assigned to Budget and Fiscal Services.

She promoted to an Accountant 3 on July 13, 2000.

On numerous occasions from July 13, 2000, to January 2003, Louise held a Washington Management Services Band 1 acting position as the Accounting Manager with Budget and Fiscal Services.

On April 7, 2003, Louise promoted to the position of Financial Analyst 4 with the Information Technology Division. Because of a reclassification in 2006, her title was changed to Fiscal Analyst 4. She remained in the Information Technology Division until her retirement.

**Wayne A. Bray** retired on April 30, 2009, after 24 years of

dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Wayne was born in Elma and graduated from Oakville High School. He attended Grays Harbor Community College.

Wayne began his employment with the Washington State Patrol on February 4, 1985, as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 assigned to Kennewick. He transferred to Hoquiam on November 3, 1986.

On September 4, 1990, Wayne was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 2, assigned to Cle Elum.

In February 1994, Wayne was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 3 in Olympia.

Wayne transferred to the Compliance Review Unit on August 2, 1999.

**Harold (Hal) F. Denny** retired on June 30, 2009, after 29 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol.

Hal was born in New York City and graduated from North East Catholic High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army for 3 years.

On April 17, 1986, he promoted to the position of Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, assigned to the Property Management Division.

Hal's position was reallocated to a Construction and Maintenance Superintendent 2, effective July 1, 2005.

**Dale M. Johnson** retired on June 29, 2009, after more than 38 years of loyal, dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Dale was born in Everett and graduated from Everett High School. He attended Seattle Pacific College and Western Washington University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geography.

Dale began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 13, 1970, as a patrol cadet, assigned to Everett.

He graduated with the 48th trooper cadet class and was commissioned on May 19, 1970, assigned to Ellensburg.

On August 1, 1973, Dale transferred to Vancouver.

He received a 1 year safe driving award in 1973, and in 1985, he

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Trooper  
Raymond D. Moss



David O. Warner

David was born in Seattle and graduated from North Thurston High School. He served in the United States Army for two years.

David began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 22, 1985, as a Carpenter, assigned to the Property

Management Division in Olympia.

On July 1, 2005, his position was reallocated to a Maintenance Specialist – Transportation, assigned to the Property Management Division.

David's position was reallocated to a Maintenance Mechanic 3, effective January 1, 2006.

### Note to those about to retire

While completing your retirement preparations, you might notify Shari Holt, Human Resource Division, at (360) 704-2300, or Sharon Phillips, Memorial Foundation manager, 1-888-576-0670, of your home mailing address and telephone number.

Shari or Sharon, in turn, will notify Ron McClinton, secretary-treasurer of the Retired Washington State Patrol Employees Assn. Ron can be reached at phone (360) 754-1618, or by e-mail at [secretary@rwspea.org](mailto:secretary@rwspea.org).

received a 10 year safe driving award.

Dale transferred to the Vancouver Breath Test Section on November 1, 1989.

**Raymond D. Moss** retired on June 10, 2009, after more than 24 years of loyal, dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Ray was born in Bronx, New York, and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Willinboro, New Jersey.

He served four years in the United States Marine Corps.

Ray began his career with the Washington State Patrol on July 16, 1984, as a trooper cadet, assigned to Mansion Security.

He graduated with the 60th trooper cadet class and was commissioned on December 5, 1984, assigned to Bellevue.

On July 2, 1986, Ray was assigned to Bellevue motors, and in January of 2001, he was selected as a Motorcycle Training Officer.

**David O. Warner** retired on June 30, 2009, after almost 24 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol.

## Aviation Section Open House 50th Anniversary



The Aviation Section is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Friday, September 18, 2009, at the Olympia Airport. All WSP personnel and Aviation Section friends and partners are invited to attend an open house from noon until 3:00 p.m. with a BBQ sponsored by the Senior Managers Organization (SMO) starting at noon. The Aviation Section is located at 7525 Old Highway 99 SE at the Olympia Regional Airport.

The open house will include aerial FLIR videos, displays, static aircraft displays, and historical photographs.

Additional information is available from Lieutenant Tris Atkins, Sergeant Jim Nobach, Mr. Jim Beins, or Ms. Aloha Watson at (360) 753-6173.

The Washington State Patrol recognizes and honors the officers who served with distinction and died in the line of duty during the months of May, June, and July.



**Trooper William Pautzke** died on May 8, 1930, at the age of 28. He died from injuries when he ran his motorcycle into the side of a gravel truck in the Burien area of Seattle en route to an investigation. At the time of his death, Trooper Pautzke served four years with the Washington State Patrol.



**Trooper Glenda Thomas** died on May 24, 1985, at the age of 29. She was killed while investigating a multi-vehicle collision on the north Seattle freeway. Trooper Thomas was standing between two vehicles at the collision scene when another car rear-ended one of the vehicles involved in the earlier collision, pinning her between two automobiles. At the time of her death, Trooper Thomas had served only 6 months with the Washington State Patrol as a trooper.



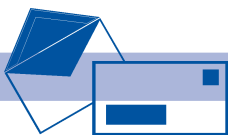
**Trooper Thomas Hanlin** died on May 26, 1945, at the age of 38. He died from injuries sustained 18 months after flipping his paddy wagon on the Mount Baker Highway near Deming. His injuries at first were considered minor bruises. Later diagnosis revealed head injury.



**Trooper John Wright** was commissioned September 10, 1951, in the 16th cadet class. He was assigned to the Spokane Valley detachment. Wright died June 28, 1953, of injuries after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver on East Sprague Avenue at Barker Road in Greenacres, east of Spokane. He was 28 years old.



**Trooper Clifford Hansell** was killed July 22, 1987, at the age of 25. His patrol car collided broadside with the front of a semi-truck on North Central Avenue in downtown Kent as he swerved while responding to a collision scene. At the time of his death, Trooper Hansell had served 17 months with the Washington State Patrol.



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***Received through District 1 in regards to the performance of Troopers Matt Wood and Ronald Moss:***

Sirs;

I wanted to take a minute to thank Troopers Matt Wood and Ronald Moss for their help on February 23, 2009, during the execution and processing of two marijuana grows near Lacey, Washington. Agents in the Bellingham RO are extremely grateful for the assistance. Again, their professionalism and dedication are a reflection of the many

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Troopers in your organization. They were the only marked/uniform presence during the execution of these Federal search warrants. Trooper Moss was at the same location as myself and took it upon his own to help agents with the processing of evidence until the agents left the residence.

Again, it is a pleasure to work with your troopers.

Mark V. Rech, RAC  
DEA Bellingham RO

***Received through the agency Web site in regards to Trooper Eric Handley's professionalism:***

To whom it may concern,

On April 22nd, my black Subaru WRX was pulled over in Tacoma by Officer Handley for speeding. I'd like to commend him on his professionalism and courtesy. I have heard many stories of the state patrol being rude and pushy but Officer Handley proved those stories wrong. Regrettably, I wish our encounter was under more favorable conditions but I believe that Officer Handley is a true credit to the police force and should be recognized.

Very respectfully,  
Andrew Chun

***Received through the agency Web site in regards to a District 5 Trooper's professionalism:***

I would like to commend a patrolman who assisted me today when I had a flat tire on Hwy 14 near the 164th St. Exit going east.

I believe his name is B.D. Johnson. Within minutes of my pulling over to examine my tire, Patrolman Johnson showed up on his motorcycle and changed my tire for me. I am a 71-year-old deaf woman and was so relieved! I did email my husband on my Blackberry & he showed up AFTER Patrolman Johnson had finished changing my tire. I wouldn't have known what to do without him! He was very professional and pleasant, and did a very thorough job. I am proud of our Washington State Patrol for helping this lady in distress!

Thank you, Patrolman Johnson.

Sincerely,

Cathy Harper  
Camas, WA

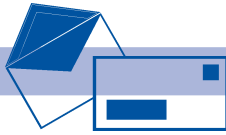
***Letter received through the agency Web site in regards to Trooper Cliff Roberts' professionalism:***

Good day to all at State Patrol!

My name is Chris Bradshaw. In the early afternoon on May 29, 2009, my son and I were traveling southbound on Interstate 5 somewhere south of Renton when we were stopped by an officer Roberts. His reason for stopping us was to inquire about why we were not wearing seat belts. (We happen to have doctors letters.)

The reason I'm sending a note regarding this incident is to let you know that Officer Roberts' conduct was absolutely exceptional! He maintained a very professional attitude while being very courteous and polite! There was not a single

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ounce of arrogance in his attitude and he could not have done a better job letting us know that our well being was his number one concern! We knew that he was a friend looking out for us!

Being a rather over experienced driver I can also say with a degree of authority that officer Roberts is also a very good driver based on how well he maneuvered his car in this heavy traffic! He is not only a very good man but a man of many talents! Take good care of that one!

This man would be an excellent candidate to be an instructor to future patrolmen. (But please don't make him if he really doesn't want to!)

Officer Roberts is a great asset and tribute to your Department! Please commend him for his good conduct!

Thank you!

Christopher and James Bradshaw

***Received through the agency Web site:***

Kudos,

After watching a King County Sheriff's vehicle pass right by a motorist in need on Northbound I-5

near Federal Way the night before (Tuesday 6/2) without so much as tapping his brakes, it was refreshing to witness the exact opposite the next morning (Wednesday, 6/3, at about 9:00 a.m.)

I was driving from West Seattle on the West Seattle Freeway, and had just begun to merge with northbound I-5 traffic when I noticed a disabled motorist being assisted by one of your troopers. I was most impressed to see the trooper down on his hands and knees putting lug nuts on a tire replacement. Both driver and trooper were working quickly to clear what had become a bit of an impediment to smooth flowing traffic. I'm sure it's not in the trooper's job description to help change a tire; he could have easily just sat in his patrol car behind the disabled car with his lights flashing. Instead, he was hustling, getting dirty, in an effort to clear the disabled vehicle. Certainly not sure who the trooper was or what car number he was driving, just thought I'd share the story with you so that it could be passed along to all your patrol men and women.

Those of us driving on the roads do notice those kinds of random acts, and we appreciate it.

Bill Badger

***Received through the agency Web site in response to Trooper Mark Hyer's professionalism:***

On Friday, the 29th of May, my husband and I found ourselves, and our 28' motor home, disabled by the side of the road. The engine had died coming down the pass from Republic, WA, on Rt 20, toward the Columbia River. We hadn't been

parked for more than 10 minutes when Trooper Mark (and neither of us remember his last name), who was Westbound, pulled over behind us.

Not only was he comforting, he was a doll! He took our insurance cards to the top of the pass to call for a tow-truck. Even though he was a Trooper, the insurance company wouldn't talk to him. So, he came back and grabbed my husband, and back they went to the top of the pass. My husband couldn't even reach the insurance company, so Trooper Mark brought him back down to me. He then radioed for a tow-truck out of Colville, and after making sure we were both ok, tipped his hat, and said farewell.

He is just typical of all the Troopers I've met in my day (not from lawbreaking, thank you....but because I was a waitress at Mitzel's in Mount Vernon, and they'd come in there for coffee), and we wanted to thank him again for being such a great guy!

He was exemplary!!

Diane and Loren Falk  
Bellingham, WA

***Received through the agency Web site in response to Trooper A.J. Haddenham for his professionalism:***

Dear Sirs,

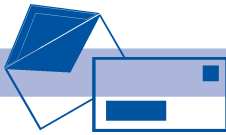
We would like to highly commend Officer A.J. Haddenham of the Ferry County State Troopers. Last Thursday (July 9, 2009), we were involved in an accident with a deer between Republic and Kettle Falls where our truck sustained \$5,700 of damage and we were unable to

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drive any further. Officer Haddenham was called to the scene to assist us. He could not have been any more helpful, professional or friendly even though he was called in from his vacation. He truly went "the extra mile" to do everything possible for us. Our nine-year-old daughter was calmed greatly by his demeanor and he treated all of us with the utmost respect and patience. We are so appreciative of all he did for us and how kind he was.

He is an outstanding representation of a State Trooper. We want his superiors to recognize that they have a remarkable employee. We are so thankful that he is the person who was called to help us. He made an upsetting event much less stressful for all of us. Please forward our thanks to Officer Haddenham and let him know how appreciative we are of his service.

Wayne & Sandra Gadow  
Colville, WA

***Letter received May 21, 2009, through Chief Batiste's Office concerning the professionalism of Trooper Dave Anderson:***

Dear Chief Batiste,

I cannot begin to express the deep gratitude my family and I have for the Washington State Patrol, particularly Trooper Dave Anderson. On Sunday October 12, 2008, my 18-year-old daughter, Teresa, was involved in a horrific accident just west of Ellensburg. She suffered multiple life-threatening injuries

including a broken neck, and was ultimately air lifted to Harborview Medical Center where she spent many weeks in the hospital.

I heard from witnesses at the scene that Trooper Anderson responded within minutes of the accident, and immediately took charge of the extrication efforts. His first priority at all times was the safety of my daughter. In short, he saved her life and ensured that her injuries weren't compounded by the rescue.

Trooper Anderson handled the unpleasant task of notifying the next of kin (me) with compassion and empathy. His reassuring, in-charge manner gave me the strength to cope with the nightmare situation. And to our astonishment, Trooper Anderson took the time and effort to visit Teresa and our family in the hospital. Meeting him was an honor.

The strength, professionalism, and commitment Trooper Anderson displayed were above-and-beyond the call of duty. He is a real-life hero.

Sincerely,  
Diane Polizzi

***Letter received from District 2 in regards to Trooper J.T. Muren's professionalism:***

Dear Sgt. Atchison and Lt. Sass,

I want to take the opportunity to commend one of your troopers. I am a judge in the King County District Court, East Division, Redmond Courthouse, and last week we had a jury trial in my courtroom with a

defendant charged with DUI. As you can imagine, I have seen a lot of jury trials and a lot of law enforcement officers testify in my courtroom. I don't usually write letters to the Washington State Patrol, but Trooper J.T. Muren did an excellent job while appearing in my court and I thought that it would be appropriate if I acknowledge that to your department.

Trooper Muren was very professional throughout his appearance in my courtroom during the trial. He was polite to both prosecutor and to the defense attorney and he sometimes agreed with the defense attorney on some points, which always reflects that the witness is being objective, yet he sometimes politely corrected the defense attorney if the attorney either misquoted Trooper Muren's earlier testimony or something from his written police report. He had obviously read his police report prior to taking the stand so he was prepared, which obviously made a good impression on the jury.

I think that the Washington State Patrol does a good job of training troopers in proper decorum and preparation for courtroom testimony and I want you to know that the excellent training Trooper Muren received, along with the natural professional presence that he clearly possesses, is a tribute to your department.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Jacke  
Judge